

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
)	
Universal Service)	WT Docket No. 10-208
Reform)	
)	
Mobility Fund)	

**COMMENTS OF THE COLORADO RIVER INDIAN TRIBES
TO NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

I.

INTRODUCTION

On October 14, 2010, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) published its Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the above-captioned matter.

Pursuant to the requests for comments as contained therein, the Colorado River Indian Tribes make the following comments for the record.

II.

**COMMENTS REGARDING SECTION III. A.5. – Identifying Unserved Areas
Eligible for Support – Targeting Tribal Areas**

We agree that a tailored approach that addresses the Mobility Fund on a separate track for Tribal lands is the best approach.

As the Notice indicates, communities on Tribal lands lag far behind those of other communities.

Historically, and also because of the reasons as identified in the Notice, and other reasons, including those of terrain as well as questions of sustainability of service to vendors, our area has been unable to attract the necessary financial incentives that would bring in companies that would build the basic infrastructure to achieve 3G.

Whereas, therefore, the Notice indicates that awards under this opportunity would be limited to one provider, the challenge has been to attract even that one vendor.

A tailored approach with takes into greater consideration the input and data that can be provided by the Tribal administration, based upon current conditions, as well as by other surrounding community anchor institutions, is the best approach.

The Colorado River Indian Tribes thanks the FCC for this opportunity to comment on the proposed Universal Service Reform Mobility Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

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